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Dow presented with Boston Post Cane

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — In recognition of being the eldest resident of Dover-Foxcroft Beryl Dow — who turned 99 in April — was presented with the Boston Post Cane by town officials and the Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society during a ceremony on June 29 at her West Main Street home.

Joined by her son and daughter-in-law Mac and Georganne Dow, Dow was given a framed certificate by Town Clerk Lisa Niles and a replica Boston Post Cane by Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society President Mary Annis. The original Dover-Foxcroft Boston Post Cane is on display at the historical society's Observer Building Museum and soon a picture of Dow will join the cane.

Past Boston Post Cane hon-

orees in Dover-Foxcroft include Eva D. Smith, who turned 100 in 2000; Edith M. Pinkerton, on the occasion of her 100th birthday in 2002; Dorothy F. Greenlaw, who turned 100 in 2005; Bernard C. Bishop, who celebrated his 100th birthday in 2007; Mary (Hughes) Stuart in 2008 soon after she turned 101; Leona LaPointe Crawford, who received the cane a few days after she celebrated her 100th birthday in 2010; Alice Shepardon, who was presented with the cane at the age of 101 in 2012; Madelyn Betts, shortly before she turned 102 in 2014; and the then 101-year-old Corinne Noyes in late 2014.

The cane was manufactured especially to be the Boston Post Cane for Dover-Foxcroft by J.F

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CANE



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

THE MOST SENIOR CITIZEN OF DOVER-FOXCROFT — Ninety-nine-year-old Beryl Dow was presented with Dover-Foxcroft's Boston Post Cane, signifying her as the community's oldest resident, during a ceremony at her home on West Main Street June 29. Pictured with Dow are, from left, Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Cindy Freeman Cyr, Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society President Mary Annis and Town Clerk Lisa Niles.

Voters OK
\$8.3M
SAD 41
budget

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

A 2016-17 budget of \$8,319,049 was approved by a count of 102 to 56 at the June 28 referendum across the district towns of Atkinson, Brownville, LaGrange and Milo.

Those heading to the polls also OKed — via a 106-52 total — the continuation of the process for the district budget meeting to first vote on articles making up the spending plan and then conduct a referendum to decide the total budget for the next three years.

The near \$8.32 million figure represents an approximate .87 percent increase from the previous academic year's budget of about \$8,247,100.

The combined total local contributions between the four SAD 41 communities is \$2,285,006, nearly \$197,800 or approximately 9.5 percent more than the year before. Atkinson's \$238,907 contribution in the proposed 2016-17 SAD 41 budget is up by \$21,340, Brownville's \$641,463 share is \$60,296 more than for the current year, LaGrange would see a \$19,376 increase to a figure of \$370,414 and for Milo the community's share of the budget would be \$1,034,220 to equal an increase of \$96,781.

The 2016-17 SAD 41 budget approved June 28 includes nearly \$88,000 more from the state (just over \$5 million) as well as an approximate \$72,600 increase in anticipated tuition revenue to bring this amount up to a little more than \$485,000.

‘Moose safari’ gets lucky
in the Moosehead region

By Aislinn Sarnacki
BDN Staff

It's hard to say who saw the moose first.

As the train of four canoes rounded a bend in the pond on June 21, everyone's paddles stilled and their heads turned to the grassy bank on the left, where a big cow moose stood with its head bowed, munching on vegetation at the edge of the water.

The canoes drifted in silence. The moose continued its meal, seemingly unaware of the wide-eyed audience.

Quietly, Ashley Patterson, a Maine registered guide and the leader of the "moose safari," motioned for everyone to gather together, then for each person to grasp the gunwales of the canoe beside theirs, forming a raft of four boats, floating side by side.

"Moose have poor eyesight," Patterson had told the nine-person group earlier that afternoon, during the van ride from Northeast Whitewater Lodge and Guide Service headquarters in Shirley Mills to the remote pond east of Moosehead Lake.

Yet what moose lack in sight they make up for with a great hearing and sense of smell. As the raft of canoes drifted to the edge of the pond, about 70 feet from the grazing animal, Patterson leaned over the side of her canoe and started rubbing a nearby plant between her fingers. Bog laurel, she would explain later, is a common plant growing around Maine ponds and lakes, and it's a soothing scent for moose.

"Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't," Patterson said.

In this case, it didn't hurt. Parting the tall grass, the moose stepped gracefully down into the pond and waded past the canoes until the water reached the animal's shoulders. Then, dunking its head under the water, the moose began to graze on the mineral-rich plants hidden below the surface.

The paddlers sat quietly, darting looks at one another, grinning from ear to ear but not daring to speak. And after a few silent seconds, the moose rose its head, water dripping from its ears and long snout, soggy green stems trailing from its mouth. They were so close they could hear the plants crunch between the moose's teeth as it chewed.

"Paying attention to body language is so important," Patterson had said to the group earlier when talking about safely observing moose at close range. "This is something we take so seriously."

One of several guides working for Northeast Whitewater Lodge and Guide Service, Patterson has been leading moose safaris for nine years. She has been a registered Maine guide in recreation, fishing and hunting for 20 years. From late spring through the fall, she's prepared to guide moose safaris two times per day, seven days per week.

"You make hay when the sun shines," Patterson said.

Headquartered in a beautiful log building off Greenville Road in Shirley Mills, Northeast Whitewater Lodge and Guide Service offers private and group moose tours by van and canoe from May 1 through Oct. 9, as well as whitewater rafting trips and guided wildlife photography excursions. The outfit is owned by native Mainers and registered Maine guides Jeremy and Jessica Hargreaves, who employ

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MOOSE

Local soccer star imparts knowledge
of the game at his own youth camp

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Recent Foxcroft Academy graduate Tino Ayala, a star soccer player during his four years on the pitch for the Ponies, gave back to the community by running his own week-long soccer camp for children in kindergarten through grade 8. The inaugural session of the "Ayala Soccer Academy" had 50 participants learning about the sport June 27 through July 1 on the Morton Avenue field.

"We have been planning this since the winter," Ayala, 18, said during a mid-morning water break for campers on July 1. "It's a time for kids to get ready for the next season."

"There's not a lot of soccer camps in the area, especially at the price that I'm offering," Ayala said, saying a number of parents have thanked him for making the week affordable. "I think it's good for this area."

"You get a full day's worth and a lunch and breakfast that the school includes — the free program," he said.

During the week at the Ayala Soccer Academy, campers could eat across the street at the SeDo-MoCha School where through the summer food service program all children 18 and under can receive a free meal on weekdays — from 8:30-9 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon — through mid-August.

"We have 50 kids, I think this is the biggest soccer camp in this area in a long time," Ayala said. "It's K through 8 so we split them up, K through 4 and

then fifth through 8 and we have competitions and prizes at the very end."

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SOCCER

Everyone has a ticket to
ride through Penquis
Lynx Mobility Services

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Area residents in need of a ride can get to where they would like to go thanks to Penquis Lynx Mobility Services. By signing up at least two business days in advance passengers — regardless of age or income — can have safe, reliable and low-cost transportation for medical appointments, shopping trips, visits with friends and more.

On June 21 Lynx Mobility Services offered an "introductory trip" from Thayer Parkway across town to Butterfields Ice Cream, both for residents of the housing complex as well as for staff of the Piscataquis Regional YMCA and Pine Tree Hospice. The PRYMCA, Pine Tree Hospice and Penquis are all partners in the Piscataquis Thriving in Place Collaboration and its mission to improve regional services and support adults with chronic health conditions avoid unnecessary hospitalization and other forms of institutional care to help them stay in their homes as long as possible.

"I hope more people use it and get out of the house, just for a break," Lynx Mobility Services Department Director Marcia Larkin said before the first stop at the PRYMCA. "Normally you will see the mini van around this area unless we have a lot of people going," she said, as for the trip to Butterfields a Lynx Mobility Services bus was on

RIDE ON THE LYNX BUS — Janice and Bernard Pullyard get on the Lynx Mobility Services bus, with driver Rick Klein ready to assist if needed, after a trip from Thayer Parkway across Dover-Foxcroft to Butterfields Ice Cream. Lynx Mobility Services offers rides, which need to be scheduled two days in advance, in communities in the region as well as to Bangor for passengers regardless of their age, income or needed accommodation.

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RIDE

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FUJITSU

Rescuers carry injured Connecticut woman off Mount Katahdin

By Nok-Noi Ricker
BDN Staff

BAXTER STATE PARK — It took 10 hours and more than 40 people to carry a 20-year-old hiker from Connecticut off Mount Katahdin June 29 after she fell and injured herself while descending the Hunt Trail, park officials say.

The woman, who is from from Lakeville, Conn. but was not identified, was leading a group of hikers from Camp Kieve-Wavus based in Nobleboro when she fell and was injured about 2.9 miles up the Hunt Trail at the base of the rocky “Hunt Spur,” Baxter State Park Director Jen-

sen Bissell said in an email. She cut her leg badly when she fell at about 10:30 a.m., he said by phone.

“Unable to walk, the hiker was treated by Park Rangers and then carried by litter back to Katahdin Stream Campground where she was transported by ambulance to Millinocket Regional Hospital,” Bissell states in the email. “The evacuation required the effort of more than 40 people for nearly 10 hours.”

“We’re not doctors. We treat and stabilize people and then get them out of there,” Bissell said, adding that the 10 hours it took to get the injured woman off the

mountain started after she was stabilized. “They were out till 9 or 10 [p.m.]. It was a long day.”

In addition to Park Rangers, rescuers included personnel from the Maine Association of Search and Rescue Wilderness Rescue Team, the Maine Forest Service, Maine Warden Service, Maine Conservation Corps and Park volunteers.

Park officials say that more than 80 percent of hiking accidents on Katahdin requiring evacuation occur on the descent and they urge hikers to recognize that they are more tired later in the day. “Falls on the descent can be very hazardous,” Bissell said.

Elvis tribute kicks off summer oldies series

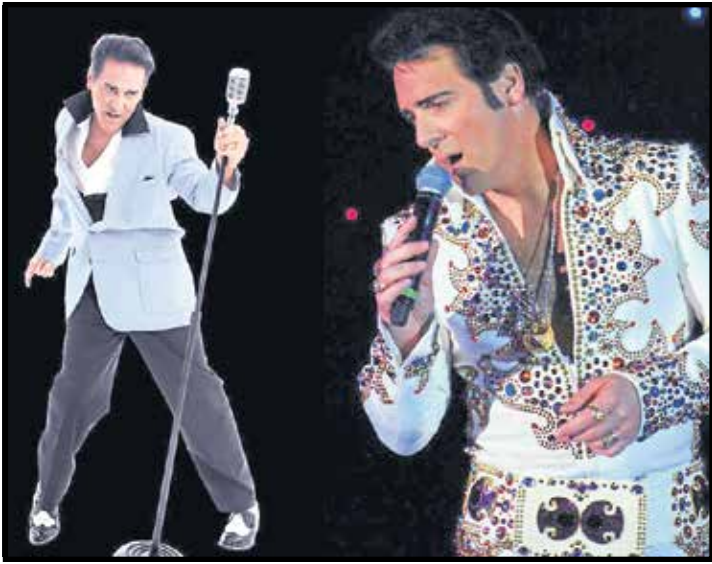
DOVER-FOXCROFT — E.P. Rock, Maine’s premier Elvis tribute act will be performing at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 16 at the Center Theatre. This performance kicks off a three-concert series highlighting music from years gone by.

“People love tribute band and oldies music,” said Patrick Myers, the theater’s executive director. “The Center Theatre is thrilled to have three of the best coming this year.”

The other concerts in the series include Magic Bus, dedicated to recreating the sounds and experience of the classic rock band The Who performing at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20 and the High Ryder Golden Oldies Show at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

“The High Ryders have been to the Center Theatre several times,” Myers said, “and they always put on a great show, a real crowd favorite.”

Tickets to each show are available in advance and at the door. The theater is offering a special package rate as well. Tickets are available at the Center Theatre between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays,



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ALL SHOOK UP AT THE CENTER THEATRE — EP Rock (Don Boudreau) will be performing at the Center Theatre on Saturday, July 16 as part of the venue’s summer oldies series. The Elvis tribute act will take to the stage at 7 p.m. with other oldies acts set for August and September concerts.

by calling the theatre at 564-8943 or by visiting www.CenterTheatre.org and purchasing online.

The Center Theatre is a nonprofit performing arts center dedicated to making the arts a part of life in the Maine Highlands. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Center Theatre reopening its doors to produce affordable entertainment, arts and education.



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Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance to offer art-based support group

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Spruce Run, “Womancare Alliance will be offering four special support group sessions focused on art activities beginning in late July. These sessions are scheduled

from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Dover-Foxcroft Resource Center, and child care is provided.

One of the best approaches to self-discovery is through the creative process. This op-

portunity will empower participants to utilize their creativity to give voice to their experience with domestic violence. All materials will be provided. Space is limited, to register call 564-8166.

Town hall with Gov. LePage set for July 13

GREENVILLE — Gov. Paul R. LePage has announced he will hold a town hall, rescheduled from last month, on Wednesday, July 13. The session will be at Greenville High School, 130 Pritham Avenue,

from 6 to 7 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30.

The town hall will focus on the Gov. LePage’s vision for Maine, including further reducing the income tax; reforming welfare by strengthening the

state’s safety net for the most vulnerable; cutting energy costs; and addressing Maine’s high student debt burden. Gov. LePage will also address the five referendum questions on the November ballot.

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Wilderness Walk takes place July 16

By Chris Robinson
Wilderness Walk for Warriors founder

MONSON — Wilderness Walk for Warriors' 2016 "Flags of Honor Hike" commences on the morning of July 16. As the 20-member team begins its third annual hike through the 100-Mile Wilderness.

This in order to raise money for veterans and servicemembers as well as honor our fallen heroes. The day's events kick off at 11 a.m. in Bangor just outside the gate of the Maine Army National Guard Base. The Wilderness Walk for Warriors team will join the Patriot Riders of America in a motorcycle escort to the Monson Community Center. The Maine State Police will lead out the escort and the team will be transported in two Humvees and a deuce and a half troop transport, compliments of Downeast Emergency Management Institute.

We are expecting as many as 200 bikes and vehicles in the convoy. Once in Monson, there will be a singing of our national anthem, a brief speech from State Rep. Joyce Maker (R-Calais) and an introduction of the team. This will be immediately followed with a celebratory barbeque for all by Monson American Legion Post 116 and Greenville Post 94.

After the barbecue and celebration, the team will put on their packs and march to the Appalachian Trailhead. Each team member will be carrying a hiking staff and attached to that staff will be a "Flag of Honor." Various flags will include those for P.O.W./M.I.A., K.I.A., Honor and Remember, American Legion, Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and multiple American flags.

Each team member will carry

their "Flag of Honor" from Monson to the top of Mt. Katahdin for a total of 120 miles over 10 days. Each team member will also carry everything they need to survive for those days on their shoulders as there will be no opportunity to re-supply through the 100-Mile Wilderness.

My brother and I will also be carrying additional items to honor two Maine State Police officers who died in the line of duty. Tim Robinson, co-founder of Wilderness Walk for Warriors will carry the Maine State Police Flag 326 in honor of Trooper Jeffery Parola. I will have the honor of attaching to my pack the Maine State Police license plate 616 on behalf of Trooper Glenn Strange of Houlton.

On the morning of July 26 the Wilderness Walk for Warriors team will end their 2016 "Flags of Honor Hike" by hiking from Katahdin Stream Campground to the peak of Mt. Katahdin. Once at the top, photographer Paul Cyr will fly over to photograph the team holding their Flags of Honor.

The 2016 Wilderness Walk for Warriors team is a group of 20 individuals who are dedicating 10 days of their summer to assist veterans and servicemembers as well as honor our fallen heroes.

I am very proud to be able to say that this year's team includes two ladies, a professional reporter/photographer, as well as a four-man unit from the Canadian Armed Forces. Twenty diverse individuals unified by a common goal.

Each of the team members will be raising pledges on a flat or miles hiked basis. All money earned will go directly out to assist veterans and servicemembers. Please stop by our Facebook page and check us out.

Stearns receives Distinguished Service Award from superintendent's association

BANGOR — Retired SAD 4 Superintendent and current State Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford) was presented with the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the Maine State Superintendent's Association. The honor was presented June 26 at the 105th annual Commissioner's Conference at the Cross Insurance Center.

"Paul Stearns has worked in education for his entire professional career," Maine School Superintendents Association President Sue Pratt said in presenting the award. "Paul was principal at Se-Do-Mo-Cha Middle School in Dover Foxcroft, (Valley High School in Bingham) and was superintendent in Guilford (SAD 4). He holds a master's and CAS degree from the University of Maine. His bachelor's degree is from the University of Maine at Presque Isle with a major in physical education. Who knew?"

"Upon retirement in 2013 he was elected to the Maine Legislature. He represents District 119 serving several rural towns in Maine and serves on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. In his first year he sponsored three bills aimed at Maine community colleges, Medicaid officer and school construction and co-sponsored



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE — Retired SAD 4 Superintendent and current State Rep. Paul Stearns (R-Guilford), center, was presented with the Maine State Superintendent's Association 2016 Distinguished Service Award on June 26 in Bangor. Stearns is pictured with Maine State Superintendent's Association President Sue Pratt and Maine Department of Education Deputy Commissioner Bill Beardsley.

50 other bills. Paul is clearly a friend of public education. His in-depth understanding of the workings of public schools allows him to help fellow legislators better understand the impact bills will have on our local school systems.

"During Paul's time as superintendent he was president of the Maine School Superintendents Association.

One of his colleague's states, "I always found Paul to be approachable and willing to discuss things that might be coming up for consideration by the executive committee."

"In summary, Paul is a superb example of someone who has and continues to have a positive impact on public education in the state of Maine, and for that we are

pleased to present the 2016 Distinguished Service Award to Paul Stearns."

"I am humbled and honored to receive this award," Stearns said. "It is essential that we maintain an excellent system of public education, and support our schools both fiscally and with policies that allow for local flexibility and decision making."

Cane

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Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

HOLDING THE BOSTON POST CANE — Beryl Dow, 99, is the current holder of Dover-Foxcroft's Boston Post Cane, signifying her as the community's eldest resident. Dow is pictured at her West Main Street home with her son and daughter-in-law Mac and Georganne Dow.

Fradley & Co. of New York out of carefully selected ebony from the African Congo. The head is made of 14 karat rolled gold engraved with the words "Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of Dover-Foxcroft."

The tradition of presenting a cane to the oldest member of a community started in 1909 when *Boston Post* publisher Edwin A. Grozier forwarded 700 of the items to towns across New England. According to the Boston Post

Cane website (http://canequest.com/boston-post.asp), the gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of *The Boston Post* to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it. In 1930 cane eligibility was extended to women.

Guess Who?

I am a comic and actor born in New York on April 26, 1965. I played football and competed as a wrestler in high school. IN addition to a successful run on TV with a show taking place in Queens, NY, I have had several movie roles.

Answer: Kevin James

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Build it and they will come

To the Editor;

Something very special and magical is going to happen at Brown's Mill River Walk on Saturday, July 16 from 12-3 p.m. We will be hiding fairy houses throughout the walk. You can make one on site using natural materials, or you can build it at home and bring it with you to place in the forest.

We prefer natural materials. Resin fairies, gnomes and trolls

are welcome! You can find several ideas on Pinterest. You can also Google fairy houses for ideas.

This is open to the public. Please mark your calendars for this magical afternoon. For information or questions please call me at 564-3358. We would love to see all ages participating.

**Karon Morgan
Dover-Foxcroft**

No need for civilians to own assault weapons

To the Editor;

I am a firm believer in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. We all have the right to bear arms to protect ourselves or our property. If people can't protect themselves with a shotgun or rifle, then they ought not to have a weapon.

It is not a constitutional right to bear assault weapons or

any automatic-style weapon. What is the necessity in civilians owning a weapon of mass destruction? If people feel the need to discharge these weapons of war, why not have a controlled area at the shooting range paying a fee that is then donated to victims and families of horrific crime.

**Carol Henderson
Dexter**

June a missed opportunity for release of housing bond funds

By Amy Gallant

Today across Maine, thousands of older, vulnerable Mainers, many of whom have been kept in limbo for years, continue to wait for a home they can afford.

Despite passage last November by an overwhelming majority of Maine voters, the Senior Housing Bonds have yet to be released. With approval from the executive branch, the Maine State Treasurer typically issues bonds for the year during the month of June. Packaging the bonds this way reduces costs since there are fewer bond issuances.

However, June has come and gone and the Administration continues its stranglehold on these much-needed dollars, specifically earmarked for older Mainers in need of affordable housing.

As we have expressed in the past, Maine's senior housing shortage is at a crisis point. Nearly 9,000 older Mainers are waiting for affordable housing options in their communi-

ties. Some are being told it will be at least five years before they will have a home they can afford. Without action, the shortfall of affordable housing will grow to more than 15,000 by 2022. It is intolerable for even one older Mainer to be thrust into such an at-risk position when funds are available to address the problem.

Dozens of developers are ready to begin construction, but as the funds have yet to be released, all projects are on hold.

High housing costs force millions of middle and low-income older adults to sacrifice other necessities including food and medicine thereby undermining their health and well-being. We know that Mainers everywhere want to be able to age in place in their own homes and communities safely, independently, and comfortably; regardless of age,

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CANDIDATE'S VISIT — Maine's Second Congressional District Democratic candidate Emily Cain (D-Orono) was again in attendance at the Maine Whoopie Pie Festival on June 25 in Dover-Foxcroft — having attended every year since the event began in 2009. Cain awarded the prize in the adult whoopie pie eating contest to John Hollinger of Edmonton, Alberta.

To the Editor;

I am like the majority of property owners, grumbling about our taxes increasing, blaming the town and the county and the government, and the school, for the bills always getting bigger each year. Promised tax reliefs sounded good, but never seemed to find their way onto the bills addressed to me.

My parents taught me the importance of being aware and keeping up with the political scene, forming my own opinions about the issues, and always to try to respect those who administer those tax dollars for the good of the public.

In 1989 I took my first job funded with tax dollars at a non-profit service agency in Wisconsin. I was very proud of the work the agency did helping low-income families try to improve their way of life. My job as an administrator quickly reinforced the need to be diligent at work and to ensure those tax dollars were used wisely. I learned some very valuable lessons and developed good work habits that I have carried with me to every job since.

Fast forward to 2015, Piscataquis County, Maine and I start a new job as Finance Director for SAD 4. Unfortunately, once again this summer of 2016, this administrator will be working some very long days at the computer screen crunching numbers and setting up spreadsheets to

share the necessary information so everyone can make an informed decision about the budget and tax dollars funding our schools.

The most common complaint I hear about the budget is "It is too much, we cannot afford it." And usually it is followed up quickly with "There is too much administration at the school."

Having already claimed to be one of those administrators, you may choose to stop reading my comments. In that case, thank you for your interest and remember to vote and pay your taxes!

But, if you want to learn some valuable information, please keep reading.

There are five major groups of people within SAD 4: teachers; support staff; other staff who are compensated based on what the current local market will bear; students; and residents of the six local towns supporting and funding our district. Thank you students and residents; without you, I would not need to be writing this editorial.

Group 1 - Teachers are paid on a salary scale, somewhat dictated by the State of Maine, and agreed upon during contract negotiations.

Group 2 - Support staff include educational techs, custodians, secretaries, cooks, bus drivers, bus mechanic, and the grounds keeper. All of these folks are paid by the hour

First Amendment survey results are in

By Gene Policinski

This year's State of the First Amendment national survey (SOFA), conducted in partnership with USA TODAY, does more than just sample our attitudes about those five core freedoms — it also may show just how those freedoms can work.

Overall, the survey's specific findings tilt to the positive on the First Amendment, thankfully. But there also are a few signs that we and our fellow citizens can do a better job of supporting freedom, or even knowing its components.

A whopping 86 percent reject the notion that free speech ought to give way to protecting people from things that might offend them. When it comes to college campuses — where the impact of negative speech on social media really hits home — support even for speech that offends still stands at 57 per-

cent.

Only when it comes to high school students does free speech come up short of a majority: Just 35 percent say it's OK for those students to offend others.

The survey, conducted by the Newseum Institute's First Amendment Center since 1997, still finds strong support for a free press as a "watchdog on government," though 74 percent doubt "news media attempt to report the news without bias." But perhaps the latter is not as much of an indictment in a time when some liberal and conservative news operations tout their points-of-view.

Eight out of 10 are concerned about individual privacy in the Digital Age, but more than six of 10 would permit the government

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An inside view of SAD 4

for their work and have pay scales agreed upon during contract negotiations.

Group 3 includes three other hourly staff, some salaried professionals (nurse, guidance counselors, speech and occupational therapy staff) and the executive secretary/food service director) and lastly what I call, the administrators of the district.

Who you identify as "Administration" is probably different than someone else and that is OK. As in any organization, it is Administration's job to support all of the other staff, so they can concentrate on doing their jobs, and at SAD 4, those jobs ensure students get a proper curriculum and good educational experience, all in a clean and safe environment. (Oh and a couple good meals every day and safe rides to/from school.)

Most people don't realize how much daily work gets taken care of by the administration in an organization, until something goes wrong. And something always goes wrong. You can blame the administration, sometimes it is our fault alone, but many times it is not. We are all on the same team and everyone needs to do their part and try to do it well.

The people I identify as Administration at SAD 4 are the two school principals, a curriculum coordinator, technology director,

maintenance director, transportation director, special ed director, the superintendent and me, finance director. The administration team identified above is responsible to keep a safe work environment, with secure buildings and communication systems. We meet with parents, 130-plus staff and around 600 students daily on issues and concerns, gather data to provide reports for State of Maine and federal mandates, on students and staff programs and financial spending. We ensure there are sufficient resources, goods, time and money, to provide all of these things.

Important to everyone, the Central Office staff works very hard to track costs and ensure we have sufficient cash to fund everyone's biweekly paychecks and pay the vendors who provide goods and services to the district. We also make sure the district has proper liability and insurance coverages to further protect and provide assistance when something bad happens or accidents occur.

Cutting the current administration at SAD 4 can definitely add up to some money savings for the district, but at what cost? Will it make the frustration go away, save you time and make your job easier?

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Say Cheese: Growth in cheesemaking part of thriving local food movement

By U.S. Sen. Angus King
(I-Maine)

There is no doubt about it — agriculture is a real bright spot in Maine's economy right now. And part of that positive momentum we've seen recently is the growth in small Maine cheesemakers across the state.

Here in Maine, we're lucky enough to have a thriving local food movement that gives us access to fresh, locally-grown products in our communities. Farming has always been a proud part of our heritage —from larger blueberry, potato, and dairy farms to smaller operations that have a variety of products. And this is truly an exciting time for Maine agriculture with the expansion of small and mid-sized farms, local farmers' markets, and yes, small cheesemakers.

According to the Maine Cheese Guild, an organization that supports and encourages cheesemaking in the state, we now have more than 70 licensed local farms and creameries across Maine that produce cheese and contribute to the local economy.

And how, exactly, is cheese made

here in Maine? Well, it all starts with the fresh, raw milk. Many of our farms and creameries have their own animals — either cows, goats, sheep, and even water buffalo — that provide the milk for their cheese. Others source their milk from nearby farms, building on the positive ripple effects of local agriculture. The milk is then heated, and bacterial cultures are added to help ripen it. Then comes the rennet, which is a complex set of enzymes that helps separate the liquid and solidify the mix into curds — and those curds are used to make the cheese.

That's a very simplistic overview, and the process changes a bit depending on what type of cheese is being made, but that's a quick look inside the cheesemaking process.

An important part of the growth we've seen in Maine cheesemaking — and in Maine agriculture in general — has been the influx of young farmers who are learning their trade and continuing Maine's proud tradition of local foods. While other states around the country are seeing the age of their farmers go up,

the average age of Maine farmers is actually declining. That's a very good sign for the future of Maine agriculture, and helps explain the increasing number of cheesemakers and other small farm operations.

The increasing numbers of young Maine farmers didn't happen overnight, and it wouldn't have been possible without a lot of hard work and guidance from established farmers willing to share their craft. Apprenticeships have been a huge boon to Maine agriculture — especially in the cheese world — giving interested young people an opportunity to work at existing creameries and develop the skills and experience they need to start out on their own. Appleton Creamery is a shining example, where their apprenticeship group has helped several aspiring cheesemakers to learn the ins-and-outs of the business and ultimately launch their own creameries.

After all this talk about Maine cheese, you may be wondering where you can pick some up. And

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The right care at the right time

By U.S. Sen. Susan Collins
(R-Maine)

"The goal is not a good death. Instead, the goal is to have as good a life as possible all the way to the very end." That was the message Dr. Atul Gawande, surgeon and author of the *New York Times* best-selling book, "Being Mortal", delivered at a recent Senate Aging Committee hearing that I chaired. Our hearing explored ways to not only expand, but also to improve, the care provided to the approximately 90 million Americans who are living with a serious, often life-threatening, illness.

Advance care planning conversations are critical to the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of any individual living with a serious illness. These important life conversations among the patient, the family, and the health care provider help to ensure that an individual's wishes are known and that the care they are receiving is consistent with the care they want.

Dr. Gawande noted during the hearing that people with serious, potentially life-limiting illnesses may face substantial suffering, particularly during the last year of life. As he said, "Medical care today typically exacerbates this suffering,

often without any benefit of lengthened life. We have an opportunity to change this."

That point was underscored by another of our witnesses, Amy Berman, a nurse and senior program officer at the John A. Hartford Foundation, a national health care foundation focused on improving the care of older adults. Ms. Berman is living with stage IV inflammatory breast cancer. In her powerful testimony, Ms. Berman discussed her experience and emphasized the importance of palliative care, calling it "the best friend of the seriously ill" that helps "people feel better and live longer." Palliative care focuses on addressing the pain and stress of a serious illness and improving the quality of life for both the patient and the family.

When she was first diagnosed, Ms. Berman was fortunate to meet with an oncologist who asked her an important, but too often uncommon, question: What did she hope for? In response, Ms. Berman told her doctor that she wanted to hold onto the life she had, maximizing her good days and avoid aggressive treatment that would decrease the quality of those days. Her doctor understood her desire to live the

life she had left to the fullest and designed a personalized care plan consistent with her wishes, which excluded debilitating, aggressive treatments and surgeries that offered no hope for a cure.

When Ms. Berman received her diagnosis, it was highly unlikely that she would survive five years; yet, here she was testifying before our Committee a full five and a half years later! As a result of palliative care, she is able to work full time, travel, and enjoy her family and friends despite her illness.

I, too, have seen the benefits of care planning. A few years ago, one of my dear friends was a patient at the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House in Scarborough. Despite her serious illness, her remaining days were filled with visits from friends and family, and many joyful moments. She died peacefully, surrounded by her family just as she had wanted.

As Ms. Berman noted in her testimony, however, this type of person-centered care is unfortunately the exception. While a majority of Americans say that they would pre-

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Grand jury indicts Holden man accused of assaulting girls

By Judy Harrison
BDN Staff
DOVER-FOXCROFT — A Holden man was indicted June 30 on eight charges by the Piscataquis County grand jury. Benjamin D. Steeves, 29, was indicted on one count each of gross sexual assault and unlawful sexual contact, both Class A crimes, two counts of unlawful sexual contact, one a Class C crime, the other a Class D crime and



Steeves

four counts of assault, a Class D crime. Steeves allegedly sexually assaulted two girls, then age 9 and 11, while visiting family friends in November 2014 in Milo, Piscataquis County District Attorney R. Christopher Almy said. The prosecutor said that the girls reported the incidents to their mother a few days later. She took her daughters to a hospital, where staff are required by law to report child abuse to police. Almy said Steeves was charged in February 2016 after the results of tests on forensic evidence submitted to the Maine State Police Laboratory were given to the district attorney's office. Steeves, who remains free on \$10,000 unsecured bail, is not related to the girls. He is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges Aug. 1 at the Piscataquis Judicial Center. If convicted, he faces up to 30 years in prison and a fine of \$50,000 on the Class A crimes. Also indicted Wednesday were: Kelly J. Anderson, 30, Sebec, three counts of unlawful trafficking of scheduled drugs. Kenneth B. Finnemore Sr., 68, Dover-Foxcroft, domestic violence stalking, violation of a protection order, violation of conditions of release. Darrick Trask, 29, LaGrange, operating after revocation.

July events at Thompson Free Library

By Kim Brawn
DOVER-FOXCROFT — Summertime is fun time at the Thompson Free Library as we offer up an exciting mix of special programs. It's the perfect outlet for the kids to channel their energies and engage their minds. The following programs start at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday and last about an hour: July 6 Chewonki presents Animal Adaptations — how animals adapt to habitats and featuring three live animals. July 13 Pony Xpress will bring armadillos, alligators, and other wildlife. July 20 L. C. Bates, the Museum from Good Will-Hinckley, will showcase bug and reptile specimens. July 27 play soccer and do drills with Foxcroft Academy's soccer team. After the Wednesday programs, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., we will be giving out free bag lunches to anyone under the age of 18. This summer lunch program, is in partnership with

SeDoMoCha and the Department of Education and runs through Aug. 4. Free bag lunches will also be available after storytime on Thursdays from 11:30-12:30. Don't forget to stop by the library to sign up for the summer reading program. This independent reading program (featuring incentives) is open to ages all youth, and runs through August. Kids must read for at least 15 minutes a day for at least 30 days throughout the summer. For the adult crowd, on Thursday, July 14 from 12:30-1:30 p.m., our Brown Bag Lunch Series presents Trisha Smith, home horticulture aide at University of Maine Cooperative extension in Piscataquis County. She will give a timely "Tick Talk" discussing the difference between dog and deer ticks, performing tick checks, safely removing a tick and submitting a tick to the lab for identification. Those who attend will get a free tick scoop. Attention families! Put down your smartphones, step away from your tablets and come join us for Family Lawn Game Night on Tuesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. Play badminton, croquet and other timeless classics — even make yummy s'mores. It's bound to be a memorable and fun event for the whole family. On another note, did you know that there is a knitting group that meets every Tuesday from 11:30-1 p.m. at the library? As active member Pat Juska, who worked at the Thompson Free Library and now volunteers, explain, "We have a mutual interest, share ideas, show and tell and give opinions on colors, patterns and yarns." While there tends to be a core group of regulars and summer people who come when they're here, everyone (of any skill level) is welcome. As Juska says, "It's not a club, anyone can come and go." So bring your project and enjoy some chit-chat. For more information on any of the programs mentioned, please call or email the Thompson Free Library at 564- 3350 or df@thompson.lib.me.us). You can also follow us on Facebook.

Judge sentences Exeter man in pharmacy robbery

By Judy Harrison
BDN Staff
BANGOR — An Exeter man was sentenced Friday in U.S. District Court to three years and five months in federal prison for his role in a 2012 Guilford pharmacy robbery and lying to obtain disability benefits. Clifford John Sprague, 37, also was sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay more than \$18,000 in restitution, with nearly \$5,200 to be paid to Rite Aid for the pharmacy robbery and the rest to Social Security Disability Insurance. He pleaded guilty in September to one count each of being an accessory after the fact to the March 10, 2012, pharmacy robbery in Guilford and making fraudulent statements to obtain Social Security Disability Insurance benefits. In a separate case, Sprague has been held without bail on state charges since June 2012 for his role in a smash-and-grab burglary at a Corinth store. He pleaded no contest in March 2013 to arson, burglary, aggravated criminal mischief and theft for his role in the A.E. Robinson break-in. He was scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday at the Penobscot Judicial Center on those charges. Sprague's sentencing agreement with the Penobscot County district attorney's office calls for the prosecution to recommend a sentence of 12 years. His attorney will be free to argue for a lesser sentence. By pleading guilty to the aiding and abetting charge, Sprague admitted that he picked up Michael Thompson, 28, of Levant after Thompson robbed the pharmacy in Guilford. Thompson was sentenced in June 2015 to six years and 10 months in federal prison for robbing the pharmacy at knife point, then fleeing in a mail truck. "After the robbery, Thompson called Sprague, told him that he had robbed the pharma-



Sprague

cy and asked Sprague to pick him up in his car," according to a previously published report. "Sprague did so. Shortly after picking up Thompson, Sprague saw a Somerset County Sheriff's Office vehicle. Sprague slowed down his vehicle and told Thompson he needed to get out." Thompson fled into the woods but left some of the stolen narcotics behind, according to court documents. Sprague used and sold some of them. Later, Thompson fled to Florida but was arrested in 2014, when he returned to Maine, according to a previously published report. He is incarcerated at a federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind., according to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons inmate locator website. By pleading guilty to the fraud charge, Sprague admitted that he fraudulently received nearly \$13,000 in disability benefits between March 2011 and March 2012 for himself and his three dependent children. He also had Rosemary Peterson, 30, of Bangor tell Social Security employees that Sprague did not work outside the home and required someone to clean, bathe, dress and cook for him, according to court documents. That was not true, according to the U.S. attorney's office. Sprague did a significant amount of work outside the house, including working as a scrap metal dealer, carpenter and woodcutter. Peterson pleaded guilty in May to the same fraud charge Sprague did. She was sentenced in November in federal court in Bangor to three years of probation and ordered to pay \$11,874 in restitution. Sprague and Peterson faced up to five years in federal prison on the fraud count. Sprague faced up to 10 years in federal prison for assisting Thompson after the pharmacy robbery. On each count, the defendants faced a fine of up to \$250,000.

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thanks to the connections of our local food network, there are several different ways to find local Maine cheese. The first, of course, is at the farms and creameries who make the cheese. You can visit the Maine Cheese Guild website for a map of creameries, and remember to check that each farm sells cheese onsite before making the trip. Many of the cheeses are also available at farmers' markets (we now have more than 100!) across the state. Some creameries also tend to have wholesale agreements with restaurants looking to showcase fresh, local ingredients. This is an exciting time for Maine cheesemaking and for our agricultural sector as a whole. With more and more people looking to buy local food, cheesemaking is helping to fuel that local movement and proving to be a valuable part of our rural economy.

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fer to die at home, most people still die in the hospital. In addition, studies reveal that less than one-third of physicians report that their practice or health care system has a formal program for assessing patients' goals or preferences. We must work to ensure that our federal policies support efforts to relieve suffering, respect personal choice, and provide opportunities for people to find meaning and comfort during serious illness, and — most important — remain in control of their own care. Dr. Gawande truly put it best when he said that the most effective and important way to learn about an individual's priorities is to ask the individual directly. It is essential for families and health care providers to have these important conversations so that individuals' wishes are known and reflected in their treatment, and that family members can rest assured knowing that their loved one is receiving the care they want.

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er? No, because everything we do — all of the daily, weekly, monthly and annual tasks, still need to get done. Who will do them when we are gone? If you keep cutting administration at the current proposed levels, too soon only the teachers will be left. And those teachers claim to already be very overtaxed in the classrooms with students. But maybe that is what you want. The cost of running a school district keeps increasing every year. Student enrollments are dropping here in Guilford, and all over Maine. State funding formulas do not pro-

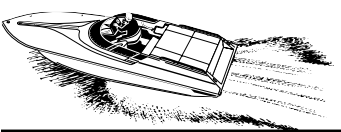
vide any relief to the local taxpayers and towns. The Budget Committee has made some very hard choices during this second round of the budget for the 2016-17 school year. Many vacant positions due to resignations will not be filled. Class sizes will go up. Some programs will suffer cutbacks. Some staff will face decreased work schedules resulting in smaller paychecks for their families. I am one of these people and I don't like it either. But, there is no room for greed, unwarranted favoritism or selfish behavior. The district is in crisis and we all have to step up and do our part. As long as this Administrator is on the payroll at SAD 4, you will get my usual 120 percent. I am available M-F at the superintendent's office in the old Guilford Primary Building on High Street and at 876-3444. I am happy to listen to your comments and ideas to help our schools. Thank you for your attention and please come to the District Budget Meeting on Tuesday, July 19th in the elementary school cafeteria. The Budget Validation Referendum Vote is at your local polls on Tuesday, July 26th. Cindy W. Pullyard Sangerville

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On July 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a special meeting at the Greenville Town Hall, in Greenville, ME to discuss the matter of Atkinson's deorganization, and the UT ballot.
On July 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a special meeting at the Milo Town Auditorium in Milo, ME to discuss the matter of Atkinson's deorganization, and the UT ballot. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Fiscal Administrator of the Unorganized Territory, 66 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0066 or call (207) 624-6250.

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Rowell's Navigators fall in eight innings vs. the Acadians

By Stuart Hedstrom
Staff Writer

DOVER-FOXCROFT — After the two teams combined for eight runs in the first three innings, the scoreboard featured nothing but zeros over the ensuing four during a June 30 American Legion game between the Rowell's Navigators and the Hancock Memorial Acadians.

The visitors (who improved to 4-4 with the victory) would end the scoreless stalemate in the top of the eighth on an RBI-triple to the rightfield fence by Beckett Slayton, the last of his game-high three hits. Slayton then took over pitching duties in the bottom of the inning and the southpaw tossed a perfect inning in relief — on a fly ball, strikeout and groundout retiring the side — to earn the win.

The Navigators (who fell to 2-6) struck first during the opening inning. Nick Decker doubled to centerfield to drive in Brayden Miller and Brooks Law for the 2-0 advantage.

An inning later Ryan Vienneau was at third with Tim Mazzeo at the plate. Mazzeo laid down a bunt on a squeeze play that worked as designed with Vienneau coming home and Mazzeo reached base safely with the defense focused on a possible play at the plate.

During the home half of the third Law led off with a double to centerfield for the second of his team-high two hits on a 2-for-4 day at the plate. Law then stole third base with Billy Brock up to bat. Brock redirected a pitch to deep centerfield that was caught, but was hit deep enough for Law to tag up and score with ease. Law's second run of the game tied the contest, 4-4, and the score would remain as such until the first bonus inning.

After Acadian starter Stefan Simmons struck out the lead-off hitter of the bottom of the sixth — Simmons and two relievers held the Navigators to five hits and four walks in the eight innings — he began to run out of gas by walking Allen and Decker on four pitches apiece. He did get a strike vs. Vienneau but a ball on a 3-1 count loaded the bases as 11 of 12 pitches missed the strikezone. The visitors then



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FIRST TO THE BAG — Ryan Vienneau of the Rowell's Navigators makes the play himself on a grounder to first to get Acadian hitter Beckett Slayton out during the sixth inning of a June 30 American Legion game at Foxcroft Academy. The two teams went to extra innings with the Acadians winning 5-4 in eight.

opted to lift Simmons for Isaac Christiansen with Jacob Bickford due up.

One week earlier the Navigators had a walkoff victory in the bottom of the seventh on a squeeze play with two runners in scoring position and an ensuing throwing error to first. During the June 30 game another squeeze play was attempted with Allen starting to run home as Christiansen began his wind-up.

The pitch ended up in the glove of the catcher before Allen could get to the plate as the baserunner was tagged out. The ball was then relayed to first base as Vienneau was tagged in front of the bag for an inning-ending double play to help keep the game at four runs apiece.

Law got the start for the Navigators and he pitched the first three innings before Decker took over on the mound for the fourth and fifth. Noah Allen was handed the ball to start the sixth



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SHORT TO FIRST — Shortstop Brayden Miller throws a fielded grounder to first base for the out.

and he would work the final three innings.



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Acadians 5,
Navigators 4

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Navigators (2-6): Law
2-4 two 2B two runs SB.

Acadians (4-4):

Slayton 3-4

3B BB RBI run three SB.

WP Slayton 1 IP 0 runs

0 hits 0 BB 1 K.

LP Allen 3 IP 1 run

2 hits 1 BB 0 K.

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EYE ON THE BALL — Tim Mazzeo finds the baseball near home plate during the third inning.



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JUST OUT OF REACH — Nick Decker lays out on the grass to try to come up with the catch in foul territory in the top of the second on Thursday, with rightfielder Tim Mazzeo looking on. The hitter would end up flying out to centerfield to end the inning.



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LEAGUE CHAMPS — The Pirate Rec 5-6 Pirate 2 softball team recently won the Mid-Maine Penquis League championship against Corinth, finishing with a perfect record of 10-0. The squad was coached by Miranda Durant and Brian Kain. Front, from left, are Destiny Dever, Lauren Robinson and Jewell True. Back, coach Durant, Sarah Gray, Anna Zimmerman, Martina Hill, Aliyah Oullette, MacKenzie Kain, Courtney Kane, Hailee Hartford, Elizabeth Kendall and coach Kain. Not pictured, Kendall Kimball and Cadence Cluke.

Moosehead Lake region fishing report

Up in the Moosehead Lake region, they are still catching fish on the big lake.

"The lake is still holding up and we are getting some good reports from Moosehead. Over the weekend, one angler caught a 2- and .75-pound salmon," said Inland Fisheries Wildlife fisheries biologist Tim Obrey.

Water temps are still in the low to mid-60s on Moosehead, but that could change quickly. Obrey was out on Sebec Lake last week and it was 60 degrees, three days later the water temp was 65.

This cold spring, and others like it, are helping keep down the invasive smallmouth bass population in Moosehead. Cold spring temperatures and rapidly cooling water often push adult bass off the nests in order to survive. This can leave bass fry exposed to predators or delay

spawning. If spawning is delayed, it can impact the winter survival of young of the year bass as they need to reach a certain size in order to survive the winter.

With low flows and warmer temperatures on many rivers, anglers are having good luck on the Moose River, which has a deeper discharge. Also, smelt fry born this past spring are dropping through, providing plenty of feed for salmon and trout in the river.

Caddis hatches are continuing on small ponds, as well as the East Branch of the Penobscot. Anglers are also getting ready for the green drake hatch, which usually coincides with July 4.

Biologists continue to monitor the East Outlet fishway, where they measure and weigh salmon and trout in the fishway on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from June

15 through the end of July. Monitoring the fishway is an important project, it provides biologists with updates on wildlife salmon production in the east outlet.

In the 1990s when the dam was relicensed, instream habitat improvements were made in order to provide more spawning areas for landlocked salmon, and it is working.

"When we first started monitoring, we were getting a few hundred salmon," said Obrey. "After the relicensing and creation of more spawning areas, we have tripled natural salmon production."

Brookfield Power, who operates the dam, works with IFW to provide access for anglers and to regulate flows that allow for successful salmon spawning. The East Outlet is a very popular fishery and is open late into the season, with one section open until the end of the year.

SPORTS ON TAP schedule subject to change

Wednesday, July 6—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators at Motor City 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 7—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators vs. Brewer 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 9—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators vs. Hampden at Colby (Waterville) 1 p.m.

Monday, July 11—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators at Skowhegan 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators at Acadians (Blue Hill) 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators vs. Post 51 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 14—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators at Bangor 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 16—FOOTBALL: Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic (Biddford HS) 4 p.m. LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators vs. Motor City 11 a.m.

Monday, July 18—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators at Brewer 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators at Hampden 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20—LEGION BASEBALL: Navigators vs. Skowhegan 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 21—LEGION BASEBALL: Zone 1 play-in at Husson (Bangor).

Friday, July 22—LEGION BASEBALL: Zone 1 tourney at Husson (Bangor).

Saturday, July 23—LEGION BASEBALL: Zone 1 tourney at Husson (Bangor).

Miles joins Commissioner's Honor Roll



Miles

Conference Commissioner's

C O L - CHESTER, Vt. - St. Michael's

College had 222 student-athletes qualify for the Northeast-10

Honor Roll for the spring semester, including 13 that posted a 4.0 GPA.

Rising field hockey senior Monica Miles of Dover-Foxcroft was one of the 13 Purple Knights achieving a perfect GPA. Miles, who graduated from Foxcroft Academy in 2013, is a biology major and she is the daughter of Dr. Ronald Miles Jr. and Katie

Miles.

St. Michael's placed eighth among the Northeast-10 Conference's 15 institutions in total honorees, while it was ninth by having 60 percent of its student-athletes land on the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Student-athletes that earn a minimum 3.0 GPA during a given semester are eligible for the accolade.

Soccer

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"We're working on, for K through 4, fundamentals, dribbling, passing and technique for the game and tactical strategies," Ayala said. "Fifth through 8 it's a little more advanced but we're still working on fundamentals and the tactics of the game and techniques, especially breaking habits they've formed over the years and just getting them prepared for the next level."

Assisting at the Ayala Soccer Academy were a half dozen past, current and future Ponies, comprised of two recent grad-

uates, a rising senior and three incoming freshmen. Ayala's younger brother Rico was one of the younger counselors and also assisting was their father — Foxcroft boys soccer head coach Luis Ayala.

Tino Ayala said he has attended a number of sports camps which provided him with ideas for his own session. "I've been to plenty and I've really been influenced by the Chris Parsons Soccer Camp he used to run here, the (Dutch Soccer Academy) Camp I've gone to for the past five years in Presque Isle. So a lot of drills and games I in-

corporate here I've gotten from camps all over Maine." He said there was one rainy day during the week, but the camp headed inside to the adjacent Morton Avenue Gym.

"We have four towns represented, Dover, Charleston, Monson, Dexter and then we have some players from New York and New Jersey visiting for the summer and heard about the camp so I think that's pretty cool," Ayala said. "It looks like a lot of kids here enjoyed

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Photo courtesy of Angela Ayala

SUMMER SOCCER — About 50 campers in kindergarten through grade 8 from four area towns and three states took part in the Ayala Soccer Academy last week at the Morton Avenue field in Dover-Foxcroft. The five-day camp was run by recent Foxcroft Academy graduate Tino Ayala with a half dozen recent, current and future Foxcroft Academy students serving as counselors.

Runners earn their whoopie pies

DOVER-FOXCROFT — The Piscataquis Regional YMCA kicked off the 2016 Maine Whoopie Pie Festival on June 25 with its annual Earn Your Whoopie Pie 3K and Kids 1K Fun Run, with both races starting on a revised course on River Street.

Recent Foxcroft Academy graduate Gabe Piquette was the 3K winner as he covered the route in 10 minutes, 18 seconds to finish first out of 60 entrants. The rest of the competitors are as follows: 2. Beau Briggs 10:35; 3. Stuart Hedstrom 11:42; 4. John Conner 11:51; 5. Zach Parsons 12:10; 6. Brett Hanson 12:24; 7. Tesa Yardley — women's winner — 12:28; 8. Margaret Crider 12:29; 9. Kira Yardley 12:54; 10. Trey Carleton 13:20; 11. John Lemieux 13:24; 12. Paul Mason 13:28; 13. Peter Devine 13:52; 14. Megan White 13:55; 15. Matthew Sawyer 14:01; 16. Jackson Smith 14:12; 17. Angela Jones 14:13; 18. Gary Larson 14:39; 19. Clint King 14:55; 20. David Hammar 15:17; 21. Michelle Mason 15:18; 22. Lydia Zepeda 15:51; 23. Paige Hobbs 16:24; 24. Jean Hamlin 16:30; 25. Tim Harmon 16:34; 26. Bryce Parsons 16:36; 27. Jim Ellis 16:37; 28. Jessica Inch 16:38; 29. Ben Heath 16:38; 30. Teresa Parsons 16:47; 31. Sue Hanson 16:51; 32. Drew Daubenspeck 17:04; 33. George Frye 17:28; 34. Rachel Harmon 17:48; 35. Steve Chadbourne 17:48; 36. Paul Ducey 18:02; 37. Diane Flaherty 18:26; 38. Jasper Makowski 18:25; 39. Susan Killam 19:02; 40. Savannah Hobbs 19:09; 41. Lynette Urquhart 19:20; 42. Betsy Taylor 19:33; 43. Vance Moody 19:34; 44. Yvonne Chevery 19:35; 45. Nancy Rotkowitz 20:02; 46. Shelby Belanger 20:09; 47. Winnie Rhoda 20:19; 48. Doug Rhoda 20:19; 49. Scott Chadbourne 21:07; 50. Emily Chadbourne 21:08; 51. Holly Dunn 21:22; 52. Rachel Larrabee 22:16; 53. Justina Dill 22:52; 54. Katherine Larrabee 23:38; 55. Makayla Larrabee 23:39; 56. Erin Bridges 26:14; 57. Nancy Kennedy 26:52; 58. Sarah Sawyer 30:15; 59. Andrew Heath 31:19; 60. Tina Chadbourne 32:00.

Devin Henderson won the Kids 1K Fun Run in 4:02, the fastest time of 19 participants aged 12 and under. The other younger runners were: 2. Liam McQueen 4:13; 3. Evan Seavey 4:16; 4. Noah McCarrthy 4:17; 5. Lily Makowski — girls' winner — 4:31; 6. Riley Inch 4:34; 7. Harry Crider 4:37; 8. Rosie Ellis 5:02; 9. Elise Inch 5:04; 10. Harvey Crider 5:16; 11. Ardis Casement 5:23; 12. Lolie Ellis 5:40; 13. Meghan Inch 5:43; 14. Kendall Killam 5:48; 15. Preya Hammar 5:52; 16. Gideon Stone 5:57; 17. Scarlett Jacoby 6:24; 18. Stella Jacoby 6:27; and 19. Angel Ellis 7:03.



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RUNNER-UP — Beau Briggs came in second at 10:35.



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KIDS WINNER — Devin Henderson had the fastest time in the PRYMCA Kids 1K Fun Run as part of the 2016 Maine Whoopie Pie Festival. Henderson was first out of 19 at 4 minutes, 2 seconds.



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WHOOPIE RUNNERS — A field of 60 entrants heads down River Street in Dover-Foxcroft during the Piscataquis Regional YMCA's annual Earn Your Whoopie Pie 3K on June 25. The race, on a revised course this year, and a children's 1K kicked off the 2016 Maine Whoopie Pie Festival.



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SMALLER SIZED WHOOPIE PIE RUNNERS — Nineteen children 12 and under took part in the PRYMCA Earn Your Whoopie Pie Kids 1K Fun Run on Saturday morning, heading down and then back on River Street in Dover-Foxcroft.

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WHOOPIE RACE WINNER — Gabe Piquette won the 2016 Earn Your Whoopie Pie 3K in a time of 10:18.

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Crossman named to Lycoming dean's list

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Montana Crossman, a sophomore from Dover-Foxcroft, was named to the dean's list at Lycoming College for the spring semester.

Henderson dean's list

BOSTON — Gabrielle Marie Henderson, of Dover-Foxcroft and a graduate of Foxcroft Academy, was named to the 2016 spring semester dean's list at Simmons College. Henderson is majoring in biochemistry.

Richard ends freshman year of softball for Husson

BANGOR — Charleston resident and 2015 Foxcroft Academy graduate Elizabeth Richard was a freshman second baseman on the Husson University softball team this past season.

Richard, a kinesiology major, appeared in 19 games for the Eagles. She had five hits in 22 at-bats, including two doubles, while walking four times, scoring five runs and driving in four RBIs.

Husson finished 2016 with an overall record of 15-25, going 7-5 in North Atlantic Conference play. The Eagles went 1-2 in the double-elimination conference tourney.



Richard

Swedish descendants meeting

MONSON — The Swedish descendants will be meeting on Sunday, July 17 at noon for a potluck lunch and social at the Monson Community Center — 9 Tenney Hill Road on Route 15. Lunch, table settings, coffee and punch provided. Following the meal a short business meeting will be held. Everyone is welcome with an interest in Swedish ancestry. For more information contact Estella Bennett at 876-3073.

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TRIP TO BUTTERFIELDS – Thayer Parkway residents and Piscataquis Regional YMCA and Pine Tree Hospice staff got to experience a ride through Lynx Mobility Services on June 21, with the demonstration excursion traveling to Butterfields Ice Cream on June 21. From left are driver Rick Klein, Merrilee Schoen, Rod Willey, Lisa White, Jane Stitham, Janice and Bernard Pullyard, Sherri Jackins, Norman Peterson, Erin Callaway and Lynx Mobility Services Department Director Marcia Larkin (kneeling).

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Ride

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driver Rick Klein turned left and headed up the street to Thayer Parkway. Three residents were picked directly in front of their homes to limit how far they had to walk.

With everyone on board, Klein drove over to the Pine Tree Hospice location on West Main Street for the day's last pickup. "As a rule we don't back into traffic, we will pull up to a curb," Larkin said as safety is always a top priority.

From the Pine Tree Hospice the Butterfields Ice Cream destination was a stone's throw away as all the passengers enjoyed cool treats on the early summer day. "Thanks everyone for coming, we're on time, we're safe and now you know how safe it is," Larkin told the group.

She explained that those scheduling rides will ask the passengers what time they would like to be picked up and what time they would like to return. Larkin said should someone be ready to head back earlier, they can call again and these arrangements may be possible depending on how the rest of the day's schedule is unfolding.

After the desserts were finished, drop-offs were made at the PRYMCA, Thayer Parkway and Pine Tree Hospice.

"You get to get out and get your socialization, that's the big thing," Larkin said after the trip.

"It's just a wonderful partnership we have up here," she added.

For more information on Lynx Mobility Services, please call 973-3695 or 1-866-853-5969 or go to www.penquis.org.

Students graduate from MMA

CASTINE — Two students from the region recently graduated from Maine Maritime Academy. Cody Coiley of Dover-Foxcroft received his de-

gree in international business and logistics, and Pftotenhauer Winston of Rockwood graduated with a degree in marine transportation operations.

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ON SAFARI – Tom De Schepper from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and his two children, Elisa and Lucas, watch a moose eat aquatic plants in a pond on June 21 in the Moosehead Lake region during a moose tour led by Northeast Whitewater guide service of Shirley. The three, along with Tom's wife, Suzy, attended the tour while vacationing in the area.



BDN photo/Aislinn Sarnacki

LOOKING FOR MOOSE – A male yearling moose wades near the shore of a pond in the Moosehead Lake region, putting on a show for several families paddling canoes on a moose tour led by Northeast Whitewater guide service of Shirley.

Moose

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a team of guides throughout the season to lead clients on these specialized outdoor adventures.

"Leading trips and meeting people is always the wonderful part of doing this line of work," Jessica Hargreaves said. "We get to meet people from all over the world, and that's such a cool thing."

On June 21, Patterson's moose tour was a mother-daughter duo from Florida, a husband and wife from Maryland and a four-person family from Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

"Most of our clients are from away because more people who live in Maine have the opportunity to try to find a moose on their own," Jessica Hargreaves said. "But the unique thing about taking a guided tour is that you have someone who has experience and knows the area bring you to spots where you are most likely to see a moose."

The best time to look for moose is first thing in the morning and just before sunset, Patterson said. An ideal temperature is 63 degrees Fahrenheit or cooler, she added, but weather comes into play as well.

"There are so many factors that go into it," Patterson said. "Sometimes we see nine moose on a pond just before a down-pour or storm and the next day zero."

At the end of the day, whether or not you see a moose or any other Maine wildlife is all a matter of luck.

"We're lucky to see a moose in general because it's a wild animal," Patterson said. "It's a privilege to see it in its natural habitat."

Maine moose guides can never guarantee a moose sighting, but in late spring and early summer, Patterson said she has about a 98 percent chance of finding a moose on her tours. And on the rare occasion that she gets "skunked," she does her utmost to entertain her clients with the vast knowledge she's acquired over the years about local plant life and wildlife.

As summer matures, moose become increasingly more difficult for tour guides to predict, and in the fall, during moose mating season, the challenge is even greater, Patterson said.

"When the fall colors start to change in late September, it's an absolutely beautiful time to visit," Jessica Hargreaves said. "But that's the most difficult time to see a moose. The reason is, they go into ruts and are less predictable. ... But that's when the bull moose has its big antler rack, and everybody wants to get a picture of that."

Because it's difficult to talk to people separated into four canoes, Patterson spent the one-hour van ride to the pond — which will remain unnamed as a courtesy to the guide service and the moose — rattling off stories and interesting facts about moose.

The state's estimated moose population is 68,000, she told the group as she navigated the rough gravel roads leading to the pond. Yet the hulking creatures are not easy to find. They're solitary animals.

An adult moose can hold their head underwater up to 1 minute 48 seconds, she told the group — a fact that cannot be found in any textbook or on any website but comes from Patterson's firsthand experience of watching one of Maine's most iconic creatures day after day.

"This time of year, all they want to do is eat," Patterson said. During the summer, adult moose eat up to 50 pounds of food per day. In addition to aquatic plants, they browse on young trees, such as mountain ash and white birch.

As the group watched the large cow moose feed in the pond on June 21, they were startled as a year-old male moose emerged from the forest to gaze upon the larger female. Upon noticing him, she perked up her ears and stared: a challenge. This was her feeding ground, and one of the canoeists spotted her newborn calf hiding in the grass nearby.

Using her paddle and sometimes climbing out of the canoe to wade in the shallow water, Patterson had positioned her clients out of the way but close enough to observe.

"I'm not going to endanger your life," Patterson explained. "It's common sense. We're not going to get between a mother and a newborn calf."

Cameras clicking (without flash), the rapt canoeists followed the young male moose as he strode along the shore with his long, gangly legs, right past the raft of canoes and into the sunset. Silhouetted by the golden sunlight, he paused, snatched up a few leaves, chewed and slobbered. Then, after several minutes, he waded across a shallow section of the pond to the other side, where he clumsily clambered up the bank and disappeared into the forest.

The cow moose, still shoulder deep in the water, called out in low grunts. Waited. Called out again. Then, for some reason unknown to the group, started swimming almost straight at the canoes, passed within feet of the group and followed the yearling male up the bank and into the forest.

"An experience like that, with a yearling walking the shoreline right beside the canoes, that happens maybe three or five times a year," Patterson said on the van ride back to the guide company's headquarters. "But to have one swimming beside the canoe like that? That was a 1,000-pound cow."

"It doesn't get much better than that," she said. "You may want to go play the lottery now."

That evening, Patterson would write in her mandatory moose report for the guide service that her evening tour had spotted six moose — a cow and calf by the road, an adult bull walking down the road leisurely and a cow, calf and yearling on the pond — as well as a young black bear, which darted across the road during their drive, a porcupine by the road, an osprey wheeling in the air above the pond, a family of ducks and a loon.

To learn more about Northeast Whitewater Lodge and Guide Service, visit northeastwhitewater.com or call 645-0151.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Recurring Events

Mondays

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Senior Network meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Morton Avenue Municipal Building — except for holidays — with the Community Cafe for lunch. For meal reservations call 943-2488.

GUILFORD: The Guilford UMC offers Old Testament Bible study from 10-11 a.m. FMI call 876-3372.

MILO: Al-Anon, 7 p.m., Park St. United Methodist Church, 15 Park St.

Tuesdays

DEXTER: American Legion Post 53, on Church St., is open for veterans to gather from noon-3 p.m.

DEXTER: The HJ Crosby Community Band of Dexter practices at 6 p.m. at the Ridge View Community School. For more info, call 207-924-6235 or go to www.cuthbert-foundation.org.

DEXTER: Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at 7 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 130 Spring St.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library Knitting Group 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call 564-3350 for more info.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Spruce Run/Womancare drop-in support group, 1 to 2:30 p.m., 8 Mechanic St. For more info, call 564-8166.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Weight Watchers meets at the United Methodist Church at 38 East Main St. from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Pine Tree Hospice offers an adult bereavement support group on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. FMI contact 564-4346 or wecare@pinetreehospice.org.

GUILFORD: Narcotics Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St.

MILO: Spruce Run/Womancare Alliance provides domestic violence services, legal referrals and support at the outreach office at the town hall from 9 a.m.-noon. For more info, call 564-8166.

SANGERVILLE: AA Women's Discovery 12 Group at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Church Street, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

SANGERVILLE: The Sangerville Historical Society House is open from 1-3 p.m.

Wednesdays

DEXTER: Kids Bible Club, for grades K-5, meets at the New Hope Baptist Church from 5-7:30 p.m. FMI call 924-7419.

DEXTER: The New Hope Baptist Church hosts a prayer meeting at 6 p.m. FMI call 924-7419.

DEXTER: Dexter Grange 155 - Dexter SCOUTS Home meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday at the hall at 2 Church Street, 6 p.m. supper for members and guests.

DEXTER: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets from 5:30-7 p.m. For more info, call Stephanie Bridges at 278-2307 or Mary Tuttle at 924-3881.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: A free community Qigong class is offered from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Center Theatre.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Congregational church. For more info, call 564-7276.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church will hold a "Pay It Forward" clothing

pickup of children's and maternity clothing and other items from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the second and third Wednesdays of the month.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Anchor Holds Church of God, 57 High St., holds Bible study at 6 p.m.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Pine Tree Hospice holds Nights of Service for children and adults from 7-8 p.m. For more info, call 564-4346.

GREENVILLE: Spruce Run/Womancare offers domestic violence services, legal referrals and support the second and last Wednesday of the month at the outreach office at C.A. Dean Hospital from noon-4 p.m. or by appointment. For more info, call 564-8166.

GUILFORD: The Pantry of Hope Food Cupboard at the Guilford United Methodist Church, 3 School St., is open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. FMI call 876-3373.

MILO: American Legion Post 41 is open from 7:30 a.m.-noon for veterans and members to meet.

MILO: American Legion Post 41 and Post Auxiliary will meet the first Wednesday at 7 p.m. with supper beforehand at 6 p.m.

SANGERVILLE: The ongoing food cupboard at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sangerville and Dover-Foxcroft is open the first Wednesday and third Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI call 876-4926.

Thursdays

ABBOT: Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., at the Abbot Town Hall.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: DHHS will be at Penquis, 50 North St., from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. the first Thursday of the month to assist with applications and benefit programs.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m., Thompson Free Library.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society Observer Building will be open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. through Labor Day.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Bingo at the American Legion, 112 Park Street, \$400 jackpot. Kitchen opens at 5 p.m., games start at 5:45 p.m. Must be 16 and older to play. Smoke free. 564-8550.

GUILFORD: Community Fitness, 31 High St., offers a free potluck brunch on the first Thursday of the month at 11:15 a.m., often with guest speakers. For more info, call 876-4813.

GUILFORD: "Covenant: Creating Living & Trust" Bible study Thursdays 10 a.m. at Guilford UMC and "Paul's Letter to the Philippians" Bible study at 1 p.m. FMI call 876-3372.

GUILFORD: Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St., at 7 p.m.

HARMONY: Cribbage starts at 6 p.m. at the Harmony Community Center, to benefit building repairs, with signups at 5:30 p.m. and a draw for partners.

MONSON: The Lakeshore House has an open mic night from 6-9 p.m. For more info, call 997-7069.

Fridays

DEXTER: Spruce Run/Womancare offers outreach hours from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at upstairs at the Morrison Building on Main St. For more info, call 564-8166.

DEXTER: A ladies Bible study on the Fruit of the Spirit meets at 10 a.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church. FMI call 924-7419.

DEXTER: The Abbott Memorial Library will hold storytime for preschoolers at 3:30 p.m. For more info,

call 924-7292.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Adult volleyball takes place at the Morton Ave. gym from 5-7 p.m. FMI call 564-3265.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. at the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church, 156 East Main St.

GREENVILLE: Womancare offers outreach services several times per month. Call for the dates and location at 564-8165.

GREENVILLE: Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. at the church by the light downtown.

GUILFORD: The Partnership Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Fridays from noon-3 p.m. at 84 Elm St. FMI call 518-8833.

HARMONY: The Harmony Community Center hosts a Friday Nite Jam from 6-9 p.m., to benefit building repairs.

MILO: Three Rivers Senior Citizens meeting, first and third Fridays at noon for cards, Milo Town Hall, 6 Pleasant St. For more info, call 943-5185.

MONSON: The Monson & Appalachian Trail Information Center, on the main road, invites the public from 1-5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to learn about life and culture of the wilderness for hikers, visitors, and those who call the Monson area home.

Saturdays

GUILFORD: Alcoholics Anonymous meets at the Guilford UMC, 3 School St., at 7 p.m.

Sundays

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. at the Thompson Free Library.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Adult volleyball takes place at the SeDoMo-Cha School gym from 4-7 p.m. FMI call 564-3265.

Wednesday, July 6

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts a children's program on animal adaptations — with live animals — at 10:30 a.m. FMI call 564-3350.

Friday, July 8

DEXTER: A P.E.T.S. three-day yard sale starts today and runs through July 10 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at the Fayscott parking lot — rain dates are July 15-17. FMI call 564-8092.

DEXTER: VFW Post 4298, 20 Cedar St., serves a mac 'n cheese and baked bean supper from 5-7 p.m. to benefit The Moving Wall coming to town in 2017. FMI call 270-0286.

GARLAND: The Garland Grange serves a baked bean supper from 5-7 p.m., with local author Steve Rollins signing copies of "Ronnie the Lobster" starting at 4:30 p.m. FMI call 924-6954.

GARLAND: The Garland Grange hosts a Contra dance from 7-10 p.m. FMI call 924-3925 or 277-3961.

Saturday, July 9

DEXTER: The Wayside Grange serves a BBQ rib supper, with live music, from 5-6:30 p.m. FMI call 924-5711.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The GFWC/Miosac Club holds a yard sale at 66 Lincoln St. from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. — rain date is July 16.

GREENVILLE: The Friends of Wilson Pond's annual meeting starts at 10 a.m. at 44 Muzzy Camp Rd.

Sunday, July 10

GREENVILLE: The Friends of Wilson Ponds and the PCSWCD offer an invasive plant patrol plant paddle from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lower Wilson

Pond. To register contact 783-7733 or vlmp@mainevlmp.org.

SANGERVILLE: Sarah Johnson will perform an organ concert at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 4:30 p.m., to benefit the Sangerville Public Library and the local food cupboard.

Monday, July 11

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Dover & Foxcroft Water District trustees' monthly meeting starts at 5 p.m. at the district office, 48 Morton Ave. Suite B.

Tuesday, July 12

DEXTER: Sharon Hood and Dixon Round perform a Wayside Park concert at 6 p.m. FMI go to www.dextermaine.org/upcoming-events.

Wednesday, July 13

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts the children's program "Pony Xpress" at 10:30 a.m. FMI call 564-3350.

GREENVILLE: The Shaw Public Library hosts Kevin Mannix and his wife for a discussion on their book "Weathering Shame" at 1:30 p.m. FMI call 695-3579.

GREENVILLE: Gov. Paul LePage will hold a town hall at Greenville High School from 6-7 p.m., with doors at 5:30 p.m.

MILO: The Park Street United Methodist Church's Strawberry Festival supper will be from 5-6:30 p.m. FMI call 943-3474.

Thursday, July 14

DOVER-FOXCROFT: The Thompson Free Library hosts a Brown Bag Lunch Series on "Tick Talk" from 12:30-1:30 p.m. FMI call 564-3350.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: A free session of the Essentials of College Planning will be offered at PHEC at 1 p.m. To register call 1-800-281-3703 or go to <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

SANGERVILLE: The Sangerville Library Trustees sponsor a presentation by Kevin Mannix on his book "Weathering Shame" at 6 p.m. at the library.

Friday, July 15

DEXTER: VFW Post 4298, 20 Cedar St., serves a chicken pot pie supper from 5-7 p.m. to benefit The Moving Wall coming to town in 2017. FMI call 270-0286.

Saturday, July 16

ATKINSON: The 29th annual quilt show will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Atkinson United Methodist Church, with a luncheon from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI call 564-7060 or 564-2435.

DOVER-FOXCROFT: Elvis tribute act E.P. Rock performs at 7 p.m. at the Center Theatre. FMI call 564-8943.

GREENVILLE JCT: The Greenville Junction Depot Friends' annual meeting takes place at 9 a.m. FMI go to www.greenvilledepot.org.

MILO: The Milo Historical Society's third annual art show takes place at the Three Rivers Kivans Building from 1-5 p.m. FMI call 943-2369.

MILO: The Milo American Legion serves a baked bean supper from 4:30-6 p.m., with takeout and home delivery available.

MONSON: The Wilderness Walk for Warriors "Flags of Honor Hike" departs after a celebration and BBQ in the early afternoon at the Monson Community Center. FMI see the organization Facebook page.

Sunday, July 17

MONSON: The Swedish descendants meet for a potluck and social at noon at the Monson Community Center. FMI call 876-3073.

LEGAL STATE OF MAINE

By virtue of and in execution of an Order on Motion for Summary Judgment entered in the Piscataquis County District Court, on February 28, 2016 in Civil Action, Docket No. RE-16-1 brought by Howard S. Brower against Corey T. Hill and Melissa C. Hill for the foreclosure of a mortgage recorded in the Piscataquis Registry of Deeds in Book 1967 at Page 47, the statutory ninety (90) day period of redemption having expired, notice is given that there will be sold at a public sale at 10:00 a.m. on September 1, 2016 at the Law Office of David Levesque, 242 Main Street, Damariscotta, Maine, the premises described in the mortgage and being a certain lot of land only, described as Lot #3 on Gales Road in Abbot, Piscataquis County, Maine.

TERMS OF SALE:

The property will be sold to the highest bidder at the sale, who shall pay a deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in cash, certified check or funds acceptable to the mortgagee at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Howard S. Brower with the aforesaid five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as a non-refundable and non-interest bearing deposit thereon providing for a closing within thirty (30) days of the date of the public sale, at which time the balance of the bid price will be due and payable in cash or certified funds payable to Howard S. Brower, which will then deliver a duly executed quitclaim deed. The sale shall be made subject to: (a) any condition, which a title search would reveal, (b) any unpaid taxes or assessments due to the Municipality of Abbot, and (c) any facts which an accurate survey of the premises might show. The property shall be sold "as is" and "where is" without any warranties whatsoever expressed, implied or otherwise. Other terms will be announced at the sale. Dated: June 29, 2016 /s/David Levesque, Esq., Bar No. 8640, Attorney for Howard S. Brower, Law Office of David Levesque, P.A., 242 Main Street, P.O. Box 425, Damariscotta, Maine 04543, 207-563-7416.

Soccer

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it, they're really excited for the prizes at the end. We got soccer balls, bags and bottles. I enjoy it and the counselors I have are very helpful. It's been a great week, I hope to do it again in the future."

Ayala's aim for the Ayala Soccer Academy was to pass on his knowledge and love of the game but the week also served in part as a fundraiser for a two-week trip to England later in the month. "I've been selected as one of 16 members from Maine to go and do an exchange with an English academy," he said.

"It's a trip of a lifetime for me," Ayala said. "I've always wanted to go to Europe and play and this is the best opportunity I'm going to get and the camp is definitely going to help out with funds for the trip. That's not the whole reason for doing the camp but it's a great benefit and bonus to it."

While across the Atlantic Ayala and the other soccer players from Maine will be training with professional coaches. "Then we're going to enter a tournament and we're going to watch a couple of Premier (League) games and do some sight seeing, I'm really

excited," he said. Ayala said each team member stays with a host family to be further immersed in the country's culture.

At the end of the summer Ayala will start his first year at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H. where he will begin a seven-year program to earn his doctorate of physical therapy. Ayala said he hopes to be able to play soccer at the NCAA Div. II school in the southwest corner of New Hampshire.

"I'm going to try, I've talked with the coach and I've got to really work on some things," Ayala said as he will attempt to make the jump to college from Maine's Class B ranks. Ayala listed improving his physical strength, getting faster and "really toning my game" as needed area of improvement for the transition to NCAA Div. II soccer.

He said balancing playing soccer at Franklin Pierce with his academics will be a big consideration in the years to come. "I really want to play but if it doesn't work out that's what happens," Ayala said. "That's definitely one thing I have to look at and if things happen so be it but if I get the chance to play that'd be great and I'd really enjoy it."

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OBITUARIES

Obituary Notices

SINCLAIR, Kathleen G., 91, Milo, June 26, 2016.

Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. **WAGONER, Donna Alta**, 90, Guilford, at Wenatchee, WA, May 17, 2016. Arrangements are in the care of Burns Mortuary of Hermiston and Hermiston Crematory, Hermiston, OR.

Notices

MORRILL – A graveside memorial service for **Jamie Scott Morrill**, of Brownville Jct., who passed away March 2, 2016, will be conducted at 1 p.m., Monday, July 11, 2016, at Pinetree Cemetery, Brownville Jct., with Pastor Stephen Dean officiating. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

Kathleen G. Sinclair

MILO – Kathleen G. Sinclair, 91, passed away on Sunday, June 26, at her home in Milo. Kathleen was born in Brownville Jct. to Janie Wilson Gerrish and Edgar Gerrish on May 4, 1925.

She and her husband, H. Gordon Sinclair, were married for sixty years and raised four children.

During her life, Kathleen had worked as a personal care assistant to various elderly people in her community as well as many years as a hand stitcher at the Dexter Shoe Co. She enjoyed her involvement with many civic organizations. She had been a member of such organizations as Rebekah IOOF, Eastern Star, DAR, DUV, the American Legion Auxiliary at Post #41 and others. She was a longtime member of the Park Street United Methodist Church and sang in the choir for many years.

She is survived by her son, Wallace Gene Sinclair of Milo; her daughter, Kristine Sinclair and her husband, Charles Juris of Alexandria, VA; her sister, Sylvia Chick of Madison; her grandson, David Sinclair and his wife,

Melissa of Winslow; a grandson, Sebastian Sinclair of New Gloucester; two granddaughters, Cathy Cole of South Dakota and Krysta Sinclair Juris and her husband, Trevor Dean of Washington, D.C. There are presently four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Kathleen was looking forward to the birth of three more great-great-grandchildren, expected in the fall.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, who passed in 2002; and her sons, H. Gordon Sinclair, Jr., who passed in 1972, and her second son, Stephen B. Sinclair, who passed in 1974.

A graveside memorial service was conducted 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 2, 2016, at the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery, Milo. Friends and family were invited to share in a celebration of life gathering after the service at 1 p.m., at the Park Street United Methodist Church, Milo. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Milo. Condolences and memories may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

Donna Alta Wagoner

GUILFORD – Donna Alta Wagoner (nee Welts) died peacefully in Wenatchee, Washington, on May 17, 2016, at the age of 90.

Donna is survived by her children, Victoria Zelnick (Charles) of Deer Isle, ME, and William Wagoner (Rebecca) of Quincy, WA; as well as three granddaughters, Leah and Elizabeth Zelnick and Stephanie Schilling. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; and son, Howard Eugene III.

Donna was born on October 10, 1925, in Guilford, youngest of five children, to Harry and Bernice Welts. She graduated from the University of Maine in 1948 with a degree in Business Administration. That same year, she married Howard E. Wagoner II, a University of Maine Forest Entomologist. After moving to Durham, NC, where Howard attended Duke University, they relocated to Hawaii, where they lived for most of their married lives,

with interspersed stints in South and Central America. In later years, they lived in Hermiston, OR, and Cedar Rapids, IA, where they doted on their granddaughters.

Donna loved her many friends, nieces and nephews. She was a consummate writer of notes and letters. In later years she was fond of frequently telephoning friends and family for famously short conversations. She was devoted to the many church families she had over the years in different places. She left many friends at Christ Episcopal Church in Cedar Rapids when she moved to Wenatchee.

A funeral service was held, May 23, 2016, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Hermiston, Oregon, with a private graveside ceremony following at the Hermiston Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the University of Maine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469-5792. Condolences can be sent to burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Housing

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income, or ability.

The Housing Bonds are a significant step toward enabling older Mainers to do just that through the construction of new, affordable homes. A portion of these funds are also earmarked for home repair and weatherization of existing homes, some of the oldest in the country. Right now, 37 percent of those aged 80 and over in Maine pay more than 30 percent of

their income on housing.

The Senior Housing Bond was a bipartisan measure with overwhelming support from the legislature and from Maine voters on Election Day. It seems unthinkable that the Chief Executive, sworn to serve the people of Maine, blatantly refuses to perform his duty.

Maine cannot afford to wait any longer. Contractors and builders are poised to start construction of these

homes which represent only a fraction of those that are needed. Once again, we call upon the Administration to release the funds immediately. Too many of our most vulnerable neighbors and loved ones desperately need the affordable housing that has been mandated by the people, and this is simply unacceptable.

Amy Gallant is AARP Maine's advocacy director. She can be reached at agallant@aarp.org.

a second round of sampling was commissioned and completed on June 27.

The second survey found support for First Amendment protection for what respondents might consider fringe or extreme faiths actually increased, despite anti-Muslim rhetoric and reports of an ISIS connection that followed the worst mass shooting in U.S. history: The number of people who said such protection does not extend to such faiths dropped from 29 percent to 22 percent.

In both surveys, just over 1,000 adults were sampled by telephone, and the margin of error in the surveys was plus/minus 3.2 percent.

The First Amendment is predicated on the notion that citizens able to freely debate — without government censorship or direction — will exchange views, sometimes strongly and on controversial subjects and find common ground.

In this case, that exchange of views seemingly produced increased support for protecting views many would find offensive, even in the face of violence. In at least this survey's findings, the nation spoke — in favor of freedom.

There's one more result from this year's State of the First Amendment that's worth noting — nearly four in 10 of those questioned could not name a single freedom in the First Amendment unaided. For the record, they are religion, speech, press, assembly and petition.

Perhaps not identifying any one of the five as part of the First Amendment is not the same as not knowing you have those core freedoms. But neither does it build confidence that as a nation, we have a deep understanding of the core elements of what distingu

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